

Remarks

Reconsideration of the Examiner's Action dated November 12, 2003 is requested.

Status of the Claims

The Examiner's Action addressed all of the applicants' pending claims, namely Claims 1 to 48, 50 to 56 and 58 to 115 and indicates that Claims 1 to 24, 26, 28, 30 to 34, 40 to 43, 46 to 48, 50 to 56 and 58 to 115 have been allowed. Claims 25, 27 and 29 have been amended. No claims have been added. No claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, there are presented for the Examiner's consideration those claims which have not been allowed, namely, Claims 25, 27, 29, 35 to 39, 44 and 45.

Enclosure of Original Patent

Enclosed herewith is the original Letters Patent No. 5,658,911 as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.178.

Discussion of the § 112 Rejection in Paragraph 5. of the Action

Claims 25, 27, 29, 35 to 39, 44 and 45 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. It is submitted respectfully that this rejection has been overcome in view of the present claim amendments which consist only of amendments to Claims 25, 27 and 29 in which the term "alkanyol" has been replaced with --alkanoyl-- to conform with the original claims of involved U.S. Patent No. 5,658,911. By amending in this manner claims 25, 27 and 29, and by reference

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dependent claims 35 to 39, 44 and 45, it is believed that the Examiner's rejection has been overcome; therefore, reconsideration by the Examiner and withdrawal of this rejection are requested respectfully.

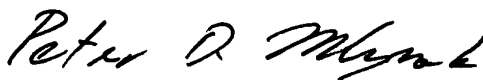
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing claim amendments and remarks, applicants request that the claims be allowed.

In the event any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is authorized hereby to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this Reply (copy enclosed) to Deposit Account Number 19-5425.

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